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Customer Assignment No. 27276
Serial No.: 09/927,069
Filed: August 09, 2001
In re Application of: Ralph E. Sipple et al.
Title: METHOD FOR PROCESSING COMMUNAL LOCKS
Attorney Docket No. RA-5415

Commissioner for Patents
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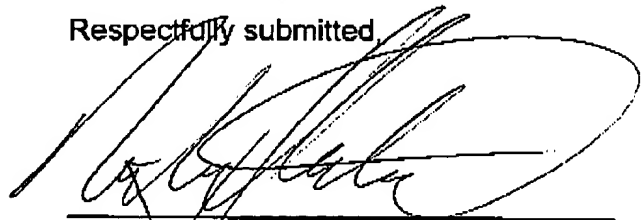
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

S I R:

Petition is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated 3/29/2004 to and through 8/30/04 (8/29/04 falling on a Sunday this year) comprising a two-month extension.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment of the required processing fee in the amount of \$420.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-3790 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17. A duplicate copy of this sheet is being submitted.

Respectfully submitted,



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